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SUBJECT: SAUVAGNARGUES' VISIT TO TURKEY

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: REUILLARD, QUAI GREECE, TURKEY, CYPRUS

DESK OFFICER WHO ACCOMPANIED SAUVAGNARGUES TO TURKEY  
GAVE US IMPRESSION VISIT WAS CORDIAL, IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE  
BUT PRODUCED NO SPECTACULAR RESULTS. END SUMMARY

2. ATMOSPHERE AND FRENCH-TURKISH RELATIONS:

VISIT ACHIEVED PRINCIPAL AIM OF RESTORING SOME TONE  
TO FRENCH-TURKISH RELATIONS. THROUGHOUT VISIT TURKS  
WERE CORDIAL, CONSISTENTLY RELAXED, AND ATMOSPHERE AT SOCIAL EVENTS  
TOWARD END OF VISIT WAS DESCRIBED AS EVEN  
GAY. SAUVAGNARGUES ALSO MADE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO  
DEFUSE TURKISH FEARS OF GREEK-FRENCH LOVE AFFAIR, STRESS-  
ING THAT FRANCE HAD SECURITY INTERESTS IN MEDITERRANEAN,  
WANTED RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS IN THE AREA, AND WAS NOT  
GOING TO TAKE SIDES AS BETWEEN FRIENDS.

3. CYPRUS:

SUBSTANTIVELY THE GOING WAS EVIDENTLY SOMEWHAT  
SLOWER THAN ON ATMOSPHERICS. ON CYPRUS, WHICH WAS  
CLEARLY MAJOR TOPIC, TURKS PRESENTED THEIR BY-NOW TRADI-  
TIONAL ANALYSIS CALMLY AND AT CONSIDERABLE LENGTH. IN  
RESPONSE TO SAUVAGNARGUES' EXPRESSIONS OF HOPE THAT  
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS COULD SOON BE RESUMED, TURKS THEN  
REPORTEDLY MADE FOLLOWING MORE SPECIFIC POINTS:

(A) TURKS ARE READY TO SEEK A SETTLEMENT; (B)  
THEY ARE ALSO PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO ACCEPT PACKAGE  
APPROACH INCLUDING SETTLEMENT OF ALL ASPECTS OF  
CYPRUS PROBLEM, PROVIDED (C) SUCH PACKAGE WERE BASED ON  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A BI-ZONAL FEDERAL STATE WITH LIMITED  
POWERS IN WHICH POWERS WERE SHARED EQUALLY BETWEEN TWO  
COMMUNITIES. (REUILLARD IMPLIED THERE WAS SOME DISCUS-  
SION WHETHER "EQUALLY" IN FACT MEANT 50-50 SHARING OF  
POWERS.)

4. HOWEVER, WHEN ASKED HOW TURKS WOULD NOW PROCEED IN  
PRACTICE TURKS EVIDENTLY MADE IT PLAIN THAT THEY STILL  
WERE IN NO HURRY. REUILLARD SAYS THEY MADE QUITE CLEAR  
THEY WOULD MAKE NO MOVES UNTIL THE UPCOMING UN DEBATE IS  
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OVER, NOR REUILLARD CLAIMS, DID TURKS EXPLAIN WHAT THEY  
WOULD DO AFTER THAT, STRESSING THAT SAUVAGNARGUES DID NOT  
PRESS THEM. (COMMENT: WE WOULD BE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED IF  
THIS WAS QUITE ALL THAT WAS DISCUSSED, ALTHOUGH WE  
TEND TO BELIEVE REUILLARD'S CLAIM THAT OUTCOME OF  
EXCHANGE ON CYPRUS WAS INCONCLUSIVE.)

5. AEGEAN:

THINGS WENT SIMILARLY ON AEGEAN ISSUES. TURKS  
REVIEWED HISTORY OF PROBLEM, STRESSING IMPORTANCE THEY  
ATTACHED TO RETAINING SIX-MILE TERRITORIAL WATERS LIMIT;  
AND REITERATED THAT THEY STILL HOPED NEGOTIATIONS COULD  
TAKE PLACE WHICH WOULD RESOLVE GREEK-TURKISH DIFFERENCES.  
HOWEVER, FRENCH HAVE IMPRESSION THAT TURKS ARE APPARENTLY  
RESIGNED TO IDEA THAT ISSUE WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE TO GO  
TO INTERNATIONAL COURT AT HAGUE AT LEAST TO RESOLVE  
PROCEDURAL ASPECTS. FOR PRESENT, HOWEVER, NO NEW DATE  
FOR RESUMPTION GREEK-TURKEY AEGEAN WORKING GROUP TALKS  
HAS BEEN SET.

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6. FRENCH ARMS SALES:

WE WERE TOLD THAT SAUVAGNARGUES ACCEPTED TURKISH ARMS SHOPPING LIST AND THAT SOME ITEMS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE APPROVED. AT SAME TIME SAUVAGNARGUS EXPLAINED THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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HE WAS NOT IN ANKARA TO PUSH FRENCH ARMS SALES. FOR FRANCE, IT WAS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT NOT TO ADD TO INSTABILITY IN AREA, I.E., GREEK WORRIES ABOUT THE GREK-TURKISH MILITARY IMBALANCE. IN ANY CASE, TURKS WERE NOT MILITARILY THREATENED, CERTAINLY NOT BY THE GREEKS. DISCUSSION OF SOME OF ITEMS ON LIST WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AREA'S POLITICAL PROBLEMS WERE CLOSER TO CLEARING UP. REUILLARD WOULD NOT IDENTIFY ITEMS ON TURKISH SHOPPING LIST, BUT, AS ABOVE SUGGESTS, IN EFFECT CONFIRMED PRESS SPECULATION THAT GOF WAS USING DELAY OF HEAVY ARMS SALES TO TURKEY TO OBTAIN DEGREE OF LEVERAGE TURKS ON CYPRUS AND OTHER AREA ISSUES. (ACCORDING TO LE MONDE NOVEMBER 5, TURKS INTERESTED IN HELICOPTERS, TRAINING PLANES, EXOCET MISSILES, ANTI-TANK MISSILES, BUT NOT MIRAGES OR AMX TANKS).

7. US BASE NEGOTIATIONS:

TURKS APPARENTLY BRIEFED FREENCH ON STATUS OF RESUMED US-TURKISH TALKS BUT ISSUE WAS REPORTEDLY NOT DISCUSSED IN DETAIL.

8. OTHER ISSUES:

REUILLARD CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS ALSO FAIRLY LENGTHY REVIV OF MIDDLE EAST ACCORDS AND LEBANESE SITUATION. AS FOR FORMER TURKS INDICATED THAT PLO HAD ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO OPEN OFFICE IN ANKARA. IT HAS REPORTEDLY ALSO APPLIED IN NICOSIA. TURKS SO FAR HAVE NOT ANSWERED PLO. REUILLARD THOUGHT THEY WOULD PROBABLY REFUSE.

9. DISCUSSION ALSO FOCUSED ON PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE, WITH RESPECT TO WHICH TURKS ARE NOT DEMANDEURS;

THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, IN WHICH PRESS REPORTS TURKS WANT TO PARTICIPATE; AND ON BILATERAL QUESTIONS, ABOUT WHICH REUILLARD DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO COMMENT. W GATHER THEY DID AGREE TO FORM BILATERAL ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP TO MEET EVERY SIX MONTHS.

10. TEXT OF OFFICIAL FRENCH COMMUNIQUE ON VISIT ISSUED  
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BY ELYSEE AFTER SAUVAGNARGUES' RETURN SUMS IT ALL UP AS FOLLOWS: "THE OFFICIAL VISIT WHICH MR. SAUVAGNARGUES MADE IN ANKARA PERMITTED THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO DISSIPATE CERTAIN MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH FOR SOME TIME HAD BEEN WEIGHING ON FRENCH-TURKISH RELATIONS AND WHICH WILL FACILITATE THE PURSUIT OF EXPANDING THESE TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE MINISTER RECALLED THE DESIRES OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO SEE THE RESUMPTIONS OF THE (CYPRUS) CONVERSATIONS WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING A PACKAGE SOLUTION INVOLVING THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF A CYPRIOT SETTLEMENT. TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRENCH-TURKISH RELATIONS IN THE ECONOMIC AREA A WORKING GROUP WAS CREATED WHICH WILL MEET EVERY SIX MONTHS."

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